

**Conspicuous in Superlative Degree.**  
Washington photographers say that Mr. McAlister has the whitest hair in the house. Mr. Curtis of Kansas the blackest, and Mr. Shattuc of Ohio the reddest waistcoat.

**Sedative to Departed Spirits.**  
The friends of the dead in China beg permission to burn quaint pasteboard images of men and cattle, shaped in crinkled paper, on the spot where the dead lie. The ceremony is a mark of respect, and is believed also to act as a sedative on the departed spirits.

It is a mighty poor person who can't pay thanks.

**A Month's Test Free.**  
If you have Rheumatism, write Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis., Box 141, for six bottles of his Rheumatism Cure, express paid. Send no money. Pay \$5.00 if cured.

Wearing a rough-rider hat doesn't give a man a war record.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.**  
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on the box. 20c.

Many a poor bootblack has managed to shine in society.

Some articles must be described. White's Yucatan needs no description: it's the real thing.

Getting rich is one way to remove stains from the character.

Pink's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. Emsley, Vanburen, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

He who has nothing to do has no business to exist.

**FITS Permanently Cured.** No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. Kline, 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

If a man has crow's feet about his eyes there must be some cause.

**PAYS FIVE TIMES AS MUCH AS CORY.**  
Buy Rice lands in S. E. Texas and S. W. La. at \$10 per acre. Net \$20 per acre. Write N. L. Mills, Houston, Tex., Cameron & Moore, Liberty, Tex.; Geo. J. McManus, Beaumont, Tex.; E. F. Rowson, Jennings, La.; Hiram C. Wheeler, Galveston, Tex. Go south via Santa Fe, Ill. Cen. & So. Pac. 1/2 rate.

It isn't difficult to bring a bald-headed man to the scratch.

The way of the transgressor often leads to foreign shores.

Garfield Tea, the medicine that purifies the blood and cleanses the system, brings good health to all who use it. It is made from herbs. Druggists sell it.

After all there appears to be only one way which to prepare for trouble, and that is to save your money.

**Navassa Island.**  
Which lies south of Haiti in the Caribbean sea, and can be sighted from the decks of vessels passing from New York to the isthmus—was the only outlying possession of the United States until we acquired Porto Rico and the Philippines.

**Capable Sign Artists.**  
The makers of the big and gaudy advertisements which so offend on every side, are not, as might be supposed, mere inartistic dabblers. They are frequently real artists, who have had years of training even abroad, but who find that more legitimate forms of art afford them only a precarious livelihood.

**Glimpses of the Ancient World.**  
The recent expedition of Messrs. MacIver and Wilkin in Algeria has thrown light upon the prehistoric connection between Libya and Egypt, says the Youth's Companion. Remembrances of pottery are regarded as establishing the fact that the ancestors of the modern Berbers had close relations with prehistoric Egypt. The explorers say the Berbers are essentially a white race and are the true representatives of white Libyans pictured in the old Egyptian wall paintings.

**MOTHER AND DAUGHTER.**  
The Wife and Mother-in-Law of Mr. Charles Keys.

CLARISSA, Minn., April 15. (Special.)—No family in this vicinity is better known or more universally respected, than Mr. Charles Keys, the local School Teacher, and his estimable wife, and mother-in-law. For a long time, Mrs. Keys has been in ill health. Recently, however, she has found a cure for her ailments in Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I cannot speak too highly of Dodd's Kidney Pills, or of what they have done for me," said Mrs. Keys. "My life was miserable, my back ached, also my head. I was troubled with Neuralgia in the head and face and suffered extreme pain, but thanks to Dodd's Kidney Pills, all those aches and pains have vanished like the morning dew, and it now seems that life is worth living. I consider Dodd's Kidney Pills a God-send to suffering humanity. They may rightly be named the Elixir of Youth."

"While speaking of my own case and the wonderful benefit I have received, I might also add, that my mother, who is now an old lady of 74 years and who lives with me, has been troubled more or less, with aches and pains, as is natural with one of her advanced age. When she saw what Dodd's Kidney Pills had done for me, she commenced to use them herself, and she says that they have done her more good than any other medicine she has ever tried."

"This testimony is given in the hope that others who may be afflicted as we were, may see and read it, and be benefited by it."

What Mrs. Keys states in her letter can be verified by reference to any of her many friends in this neighborhood. Dodd's Kidney Pills have already a wonderful reputation in Todd County.

Nothing has ever cured Bright's Disease, Diabetes or Dropsy but Dodd's Kidney Pills.

The wisdom of one generation sometimes turns out to be the folly of the next.

## OLD CASE AGAIN DECIDED.

Bonds For Private Purposes Not Made Valid by Legislation.

SUCH BONDS DECLARED VOID.

St. Louis, April 15.—"A legislature cannot make a private purpose a public purpose by its mere fiat," is one of the main points in an opinion handed down by the United States court of appeals. The case was that of W. S. Dodge against the township of Mission, Shawnee county, Kans., appealed from the United States district court of Kansas by Dodge. The action was brought by him on coupons cut from township bonds issued under an act of the Kansas legislature to encourage the erection of mills and the manufacture of sugar and syrup of sorghum cane, an authorizing townships and cities of the second and third class to subscribe for stock in such sugar factories and to vote bonds for this purpose. Under the act, every company receiving the benefit of the bonds was required to retain 10 cents from the purchase price of every ton of cane, and pay it over to the treasurer of the township, to be applied in the payment of these bonds. The act declared that all mills receiving such aid were public mills and should manufacture the sugar or syrup for customers who furnished cane, and that they might charge a toll for this manufacture. Under this act the township of Mission issued thirty bonds at \$500 each on September 16, 1890. Of these, Dodge bought twenty-two, and payment was refused on the coupons. He brought suit, and to his allegations a demurrer was filed and sustained, that they were insufficient in law to uphold his case.

The appellate court affirmed this decision, and in the opinion, said: "The promotion of the construction and operation of mills and factories to manufacture sorghum cane into sugar and syrup is a private and not a public purpose. The power of a legislature to levy or authorize the levy of a tax and to create and authorize the creation of a public debt to be paid by taxation is limited to its exercise for a public purpose." "Township bonds issued for this purpose, and the act of March 1, 1889, authorizing their issue, are beyond the power of the legislature and the township and are void."

**The American Proposition.**  
Washington, April 16.—There is reason to believe that the kernel of the American proposition touching the distribution of the indemnity funds between the powers is found in a suggestion that the allotment be made upon the basis of the number of troops actually employed by each power in the relief of the legationaries. By this scheme the forces brought into China since the occupation of Peking are disregarded as being entirely unnecessary to secure any lawful and unanimously desired end. On this basis Great Britain would rank first, Japan next, and the United States third, and so on.

**Wants Negro Burners Arrested.**  
Leavenworth, April 16.—Alfred Alexander, father of Fred Alexander, the negro who was burned at the stake for the alleged assault and murder of Miss Carrie Forbes and for the assault with the county attorney against a number of those participating in the burning and asks for a warrant for their arrest upon the charge of murder. Before issuing the warrant the county attorney will examine witnesses under the recent new law.

**Bought for its Timber.**  
Atlanta, Ga., April 11.—The famous Okefenokee swamp in South Georgia has been sold to George Hebard & Sons, of Michigan. The consideration, it is understood, is \$175,000. The swamp contains 354,000 acres and its circumference is 137 miles. The swamp, it is said, was purchased for its standing timber and, after it is cleared, the land will be devoted to the cultivation of sugar cane and cotton.

**Killed By a Sliding Dump.**  
Cripple Creek, Col., April 11.—News has reached here that the family of James Smith consisting of the father and mother and four children, were instantly killed in their home by the sliding of the huge dump of the Granite mine. The Smith residence was located just below the base of the dump. The snows had softened the dump so that the top suddenly slid down, crushing the house. Hundreds of men worked digging away the dirt and rock, but it is not thought possible that any of the victims will be found alive.

**Large Canning Plant Burned.**  
Oakland, Cal., April 16.—Hunt Bros. company's fruit canning plant at Hayward is totally destroyed by fire. The company's boarding house, 85 cottages 75 of which were owned by the company, the plant, fruit warehouse and 2,000 cases of fruit were destroyed. Six fruit cars were also consumed. Many families were rendered homeless. The loss will exceed \$125,000. The factory was being put in shape for the fruit canning season, opening May 1.

## AMERICAN BEEF EXCLUDED.

A Sequel to the Enjoining of Shipment of Horses and Mules.

Washington, April 13.—The department of agriculture has received a dispatch from Swift & Co., of Chicago, announcing that they have been advised that the English government has excluded all beef except home bred from the British army contract. This, it is stated, is to be effective June 1 next.

Swift & Co. ask the agricultural department for any assistance it can render. It is pointed out that the action of the British government is a severe blow to American beef and cattle producers, and means not alone and loss in government trade, but it is feared it will serve very materially toward inciting a prejudice on the part of the people of Great Britain against the beef and cattle of this country.

No official information of this reported contemplated move has reached the department, according to statements of officials. Steps have been taken, however, looking to acquiring whatever information it is possible to get. To demonstrate the importance of the move now said to be contemplated, it is pointed out that the value of our exports of live animals to Great Britain amounts to \$40,000,000, while the total of animal products exported from the United States to Great Britain is stated to be, in round numbers, \$200,000,000.

**Young American.**  
Paris, April 16.—Among the Boer prisoners who recently arrived in Lisbon from Marques, was a young American, Mr. Randolph Martensen, who described himself as a son of the president of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad. He was captured by the British, but released as an American, on promising not to fight again. Subsequently he was arrested in Lourenco Marques at the request of the British authorities under suspicion of being an agent. He had resigned a position in the U. S. army.

**War Declared on Gamblers.**  
Cleveland, April 13.—Mayor Tom L. Johnson has declared war on gamblers and gambling in this city, and has had notice served on keepers of gambling houses that they must close them. Similar instructions to the police officials have been issued regarding dives and disorderly saloons. Uniformed officers will be stationed at the entrance to these places, and the names of all visitors taken.

**Kansas Will Sue Colorado.**  
Denver, Col., April 16.—Governor Orman has received a dispatch from Washington, informing him that the state of Kansas has asked permission of the United States supreme court to begin a suit in equity against the state of Colorado in order to secure more of the waters of the Arkansas river for irrigation purposes. The governor will ask the attorney general to investigate.

**Mule Case Decided.**  
New Orleans, April 16.—Judge Parlange in the United States superior court handed down a decision dismissing the suit brought by the Boer representatives here to prevent the shipment of mules and horses out of New Orleans to the British army in South Africa. The decision is a lengthy one.

**Wilhelm Resigns One Dignity.**  
Berlin, April 16.—Influenced by the protests of the Evangelical church council and the Catholic bishops, Emperor William has withdrawn from the great hall of the blind asylum at Wusterhausen the Masco portraits representing the Empress as St. Elizabeth and himself as the saint's husband.

**Irish Americans Stand Afoot.**  
Limerick, Ireland, April 16.—Mr. John Daly, mayor of Limerick, in the course of an address to a meeting here, said his recent visit to Chicago convinced him that Irish-Americans would contribute nothing to the fund of the party seeking the freedom of Ireland through the parliamentary agitation. He declared that it would not be desirable to pin faith to constitutional agitation at a time when England's power trembled in the balance.

**Canal Negotiations Re-opened.**  
London, April 16.—Negotiations on the Hay-Pauncefote abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty are progressing, though they have not yet passed the tentative stage. A representative of the Associated Press has been informed that they are being conducted on a quid pro quo basis, and that no other method of abrogation would be considered by the British government. The foreign office hopes that a settlement satisfactory to both the United States and Great Britain will be arrived at before congress is reconvened.

**Miss Gould's Mail.**  
Hiawatha, April 16.—Hiawatha has a Boys' Club. Its object is to help boys to get started right in life. One of the women who is interested in the club wrote to Helen Gould asking her to contribute something for the club. Miss Gould replied that, owing to the many requests she received for money, she would be unable to give anything. A printed blank was also sent giving the analysis of the mail received by Miss Gould in one week. She received 1,303 letters.

**Missouri Giantess' New House.**  
Miss Ella Ewing, the Missouri giantess, who is eight feet four inches in height, recently completed a house for herself at the town of Govin, in that state. Her new house has doors ten feet high, ceilings fifteen feet high, with chairs, tables, beds and everything in proportion.

**To Remove Grease Spots.**  
For removing grease spots, take equal parts of strong ammonia, water, ether and alcohol. To prevent the ring forming about the cleaned spot, rub with a cloth slightly dampened with the same solution. In other words, rub out the ring. If the cloth is too wet, it will only make another one.—People's Home Journal.

**Rise of President Greatsinger.**  
J. L. Greatsinger, who has just been elected president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, is a conspicuous specimen of the self-made man. He began life as clerk in a hardware store in Elmira, N. Y., and later became fireman on a switch engine in that city. Since then he has served in all sorts of railroad capacities. Before going to Brooklyn he was president of the Minnesota Iron Company.

**Descendants of Chinese.**  
The ancestors of the civilized natives of Formosa are immigrants from China, who brought with them the custom of paying religious respect and reverence to ideographs. These Formosans call any piece of paper containing writing by the dignified name of "sacred remains," and venerate it as some superstitious Japanese people venerate the cards symbolizing deities which are called "ofuda."

**Manhattan's First White Child.**  
The first white child born on the island of Manhattan is said to have been one Jean Vigne, who saw the light in 1614. Dr. John T. Nagle, chief of the municipal statistics bureau, will make this prominent in his forthcoming annual report. The corroboration of this interesting historical episode comes from the memoirs of Jasper Danker and Peter Sluyter, Labadist missionaries, who in 1679 visited Manhattan island, saw Vigne, then 65 years old, heard his story and satisfied themselves that it was true.

Millions of sufferers use Wizard Oil for pain every year and call it blessed. Ask the druggist, he knows.

To civilize a man you must begin with his ancestors.

Red Cross is the best Ball Blue the world knows. Large package 5c.

You can't eat the kernel and raise another crop of nuts from the shell.

**PUTNAM FADELESS DYES** do not stain the hands or spot the kettle.

A fish isn't necessarily crazy when it is insane.

**\$100 Reward \$100.**  
The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have no much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials.  
Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.  
Sold by druggists 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

When it rains hardest the laundress catches the most soft water.

# New England Women

Have an Abiding Faith in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



After years of struggle to attain and merit public confidence, with a firm and steadfast belief that some day others would recognize in us the truth, good faith, and honesty of purpose which we know we possess, what a genuine satisfaction it is to succeed, and to realize the uplifting influence of the merited confidence of a vast army of our fellow beings.

**ORGANIC INFLAMMATION.**  
"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I was troubled very badly with inflammation of the bladder, was sick in bed with it. I had two doctors, but they did me no good. A friend gave me Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it helped me. I have now taken three bottles of it, and I am entirely cured. It is a God-send to any woman, and I would recommend it to any one suffering as I was. I think, if most of the women would take more of your medicine instead of going to the doctors, they would be better off. The Compound has also cured my husband of kidney trouble." Mrs. MABEL GOOKIN, Mechanic Falls, Maine. Box 160.

**NERVOUS PROSTRATION.**  
"For two years I suffered from nervous prostration, the result of female weakness. I had leucorrhoea very badly, and at time of menstruation would be obliged to go to bed. Also suffered with headaches, pain across back, and in lower part of abdomen. I was so discouraged. I had read of Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound, and concluded to give it a trial. I wrote to Mrs. Pinkham, and received a very nice letter in return. I began at once the use of her Vegetable Compound and Blood Purifier, and am now feeling splendid. I have no more pain at monthly periods, can do my own work, and have gained ten pounds. I would not be without your Vegetable Compound. It is a splendid medicine. I am very thankful for what it has done for me." Mrs. J. W. J., 76 Carolina Ave., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

If Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will cure these women—why not you—you cannot tell until you try it. If you are ill, and really want to get well, commence its use at once, and do not let any drug clerk persuade you that he has something of his own which is better, for that is absurd. Ask him to produce the evidence we do.

**PAINFUL PERIODS.**  
"I cannot help but feel that it is my duty to do something in regard to recommending your wonderful medicine. I must say it is the greatest medicine on earth, and have advised a great many suffering with female troubles to take it. I tell people I wish I could go on the platform and lecture on it."

"My trouble was painful menstruation. The suffering I endured cannot describe. I was treated by one of our most prominent physicians here for five months, and found myself getting worse instead of better. At the end of the fifth month he told me he had done all he could for me, and that I had better go to the hospital. My sister advised me to try your Vegetable Compound, as it cured her of backache. I did so, and was cured faithfully, and am now cured of my trouble, and in perfect health, many thanks to your medicine. I cannot praise it enough, and would recommend it to all who suffer from any female weakness." Mrs. H. S. BALL, 461 Orchard St., New Haven, Conn.

**\$5000 REWARD.**—We have deposited with the National City Bank of Lynn, \$5000, which will be paid to any person who can send the above testimonial letters are not genuine, or were published before obtaining the writer's special permission. LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO.

Every day you clean the house you live in, to get rid of the dust and dirt. Your body, the house your soul lives in, also becomes filled up with all manner of filth, which should have been removed from day to day. Your body needs daily cleaning inside. If your bowels, your liver, your kidneys are full of putrid filth, and you don't clean them out, you'll be in bad odor with yourself and everybody else.

**DON'T USE A HOSE** to clean your body inside, but sweet, fragrant, mild but positive and forceful **CASCARETS**, that **WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP**, prepare all the filth collected in your body for removal, and drive it off softly, gently, but none the less surely, leaving your blood pure and nourishing, your stomach and bowels clean and lively, and your liver and kidneys healthy and active. Get a 50-cent box today, a whole month's treatment, and if not satisfied get your money back—but you'll see how the cleaning of your body is

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**CURE** all bowel troubles, appendicitis, biliousness, bad breath, bad blood, wind on the stomach, bloated bowels, foul mouth, headache, indigestion, pimples, pains after eating, liver trouble, sallow complexion and dizziness. When your bowels don't move regularly you are getting sick. Constipation kills more people than all other diseases together. It is a barrier for the chronic ailments and long years of suffering that come afterwards. No matter what ailment you start taking **CASCARETS** to-day, for you will never get well and be well all the time until you put your bowels right. Take our advice: start with **CASCARETS** to-day, under an absolute guarantee to cure or money refunded.

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